

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Wendy M. Slade on July 17, 2008.

IN THE CLAIMS

a) Cancel claims 21-23

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-20 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reason for the indication of the allowability of claims 1-20 are:

Regarding claims 1-20, the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest in combination with the other claimed limitations an enclosure apparatus comprising: said receptacle having a frangible wall portion accessible from an exterior of said first enclosure portion, said frangible wall portion being operable to be broken from outside said enclosure apparatus; a protrusion on said second enclosure portion, operable to be received in said receptacle; a first locking member connected to said frangible wall portion to extend inside said receptacle; a second locking member on said protrusion, said second locking member being

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configured to engage said first locking member such that separation of said first and second enclosure 'portions is prevented unless said frangible wall portion is deliberately broken.

This limitation is found in claims 1-20, and is neither disclosed nor taught by the prior art of record, alone or in combination.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Brownlie et al (US 5,276,279), Perkey (US 3,922,478), Kloth et al (US 3,860,739), Nixon (US 6,111,760), Yetter (US 5,944,210) and Appleton (US 4,620,061) disclose an enclosure apparatus.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Angel R. Estrada at telephone number (571) 272-1973. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:30 -5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego Gutierrez can be reached on (571) 272-2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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